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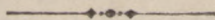
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## INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT.

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IN 1890, during the General Missionary Conference at Shanghai, there was a meeting of Presbyterians, who gathered to the number of 120 in the chapel of the Mission Press. At this meeting a desire on the part of many for a closer union found expression, but the time had not come for active effort in that direction.

At a meeting held in Shanghai in 1899 the Southern Presbyterian Mission (U. S. A.) overtured its sister Presbyterian missions throughout China to assemble in convention at Shanghai on the day previous to the General Missionary Conference, which had been appointed for April, 1901. It was proposed at this meeting to discuss the subject of Presbyterian unity and other related topics. An encouraging response was received, but on account of the Boxer outbreak the General Conference was indefinitely postponed. A committee met, however, representing five different branches of the Presbyterian denomination and arranged for a Presbyterian Convention, to be held at Shanghai in October, 1901. To this convention all Presbyterian missions laboring in China were invited to send representatives and to suggest topics for discussion. A large number of Presbyterian missionaries being gathered in Shanghai during the Boxer troubles, a social gathering was held in the Union Church Hall on the 5th of October, 1900, attended by sixty-five Presbyterians, representing eight missions. Short addresses were made, and a resolution was adopted approving the plans of the committee in arranging for a Presbyterian convention.

As the time proposed drew near, the holding of a General Presbyterian Convention for all China so early as 1901 seemed to many a matter of doubtful expediency. It was



therefore decided, after considerable correspondence and consultation, to hold first a "Conference of the Central China missionaries, together with such representatives of other missions as might be able to attend;" and this Conference met on the 2nd of October, 1901. There were present fifty-four representatives of ten different missions, including missionaries from Manchuria, Peking, Shantung, Hupeh, Honan, Hunan, Shantung and Kiangsu; and several important resolutions were adopted, among them a resolution requesting the different mission bodies to appoint delegates to represent them in organizing a national "Committee on Presbyterian Union." The Conference placed itself on record as desiring "the unity of the Christian church in China," cordially welcoming "all opportunities of co-operation with all sections of the church," and it resolved "to take steps for uniting more closely the Presbyterian churches, hoping thereby to facilitate the ultimate attainment of a wider union."

In the prosecution of this work the Committee on Presbyterian Union has held three meetings.

The first was at Shanghai, October 22-29, 1902, and was attended by delegates representing eleven missions connected with seven different mission boards. It was found that not one mission had failed to respond to the request to appoint members to represent them on the committee, although some were not able to be present at the first meeting. The committee prepared a Plan of Union, which was sent to the various missions interested, recommending the complete independence of the Chinese church, and requesting the church courts and mission bodies to take the necessary steps to unite in one organized church.

The second meeting of the committee was held November 11-17, 1903. Hearty expressions of approval had been received by the Supreme Courts of most of the home churches concerned, as well as from mission bodies in China, America and Great Britain, and the committee were in a position to review the

matter in a fuller light. The Plan of Union was modified in some of the minor details and again sent to the various missions and church courts for approval and appropriate action.

The third meeting of the committee was held at Shanghai, October 18-20, 1905, and the report of this meeting is presented herewith.

The committee will probably not need to meet again until about the time of the General Missionary Conference, when it is hoped that its work may be handed over to a National Council, for the election of which provision has been made.

In the meantime a sub-committee has been appointed for the purpose of preparing appropriate literature, and the secretary, Rev. D. MacGillivray, will continue the work of correspondence and give information to those who desire his assistance.

It may be well to note that although as yet no union of Presbyterian missions or church courts has been accomplished other than those which were effected prior to 1890, yet, as a result of this movement a weekly Presbyterian periodical has been established, the Northern and Southern branches of the American Presbyterian church missions in Central China have united in a theological seminary at Nanking, and the way seems clear for a general movement in the direction of independence of the home churches and the union of all the Presbyterian branches in the early organization of a Chinese Presbyterian church.

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# PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE ON UNION

(AS NOW CONSTITUTED).

## I. Mission of the United Free Church of Scotland.

*Manchuria* ... .. Rev. GEO. DOUGLAS, Liao-yang.

## II. Mission of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

*Manchuria* ... .. Rev. W. H. GILLESPIE, Kuan-cheng-tzu.

## III. Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (North).

*Canton (and Hainan)* ... .. Rev. H. V. NOYES, D.D., Canton.

*Central China (and Hunan)* ... .. Rev. W. J. DRUMMOND, Nanking.

*Peking* .. ... .. Rev. J. L. WHITING, D.D., Peking.

*Shantung, East* ... .. Rev. L. J. DAVIES, Chefoo.

*Shantung, West* ... ..

## IV. Mission of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

*Honan* ... .. Rev. D. MACGILLIVRAY, Shanghai.

## V. Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (South).

*Mid-China* ... .. Rev. P. F. PRICE, Dong-shang, via Kashing.

*North Kiangsu* ... .. Rev. J. R. GRAHAM, Tsing-kiang.

## VI. Mission of the Church of Scotland.

*Ichang* ... .. Rev. THOS. R. KEARNEY, Ichang.

## VII. Missions of the Presbyterian Church of England.

*Amoy* ... .. Rev. W. MACGREGOR, D.D., Amoy.

*Swatow (and Wu-king-fu)* ... .. Rev. J. C. GIBSON, D.D., Swatow.

## VIII. Mission of the Reformed Church in America.

*Amoy* ... .. Rev. A. L. WARNSHUIS, Amoy.

## SECRETARY.

Rev. D. MACGILLIVRAY, Shanghai.

## COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

Rev. J. C. GIBSON, D.D., Swatow.

Rev. P. F. PRICE, Dong-shang, via Kashing.

Rev. D. MACGILLIVRAY, Shanghai.

Rev. J. A. SILSBY, Shanghai.



# THIRD REPORT

## OF THE

### Committee on Presbyterian Union.

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#### Minutes.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 1905.

The Presbyterian Committee on Union met at the residence of Mr. G. McIntosh, at the American Presbyterian Mission Press, Shanghai, Wednesday, October 18th, 1905, at 10:00 a.m., the meeting having been called by the secretary as arranged at the previous meeting of the committee.

In the absence of the Rev. H. V. Noyes, D.D., the Rev. J. C. Gibson, D.D., was elected chairman, and Rev. J. A. Silsby was elected secretary, having been asked by Rev. J. C. Garritt, D.D., to act for him.

There were present, during the meeting, delegates from the several missions, as follows :—

#### *Presbyterian Church in Ireland.*

Manchuria Mission, Rev. W. HUNTER, acting as proxy for Rev. W. H. GILLESPIE.

#### *Free Church of Scotland.*

Manchuria Mission, Rev. W. HUNTER, acting as proxy for Rev. GEO. DOUGLAS.

#### *Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. (North).*

Peking Mission, Rev. J. A. SILSBY, acting as proxy for Rev. J. L. WHITING, D.D.

Central China Mission, Rev. W. J. DRUMMOND.

Canton Mission, including Hainan, Rev. C. E. PATTON, acting as proxy for Rev. H. V. NOYES, D.D.

#### *Presbyterian Mission in the U. S. (South).*

North Kiangsu Mission, Rev. J. R. GRAHAM.

Mid-China Mission, Rev. P. F. PRICE.

#### *Canadian Presbyterian Church.*

Honan Mission, Rev. D. MACGILLIVRAY.

#### *Presbyterian Church of England.*

Swatow Mission, including Wu-king-fu, Rev. J. C. GIBSON, D.D.

After a devotional service, led by the chairman, the committee heard reports from various missions, and after some discussion it was agreed that the secretary be requested to review the answers to the committee's report of 1903, received from mission and native church bodies and home courts, and to prepare a digest of the same, which shall, after approval, be made the basis of further discussion by the committee.

The committee adjourned with prayer, to meet at the Missionary Home at 8.00 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 18th.

The committee met at 8 p.m. at the Missionary Home. All attending the morning session were present, with the addition of Rev. J. R. Graham, of the North Kiangsu Mission of the Presbyterian Church of the United States (South).

Dr. Gibson read a passage of Scripture and Rev. W. Hunter led in prayer.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The secretary read a report of the action of various mission and ecclesiastical bodies concerning the proposed Plan of Union.

The report was approved. (See Exhibit A.)

The chairman and Rev. P. F. Price were appointed a committee to prepare a series of resolutions as a basis for discussion at the next session.

The committee adjourned to meet at the same place at 10 a.m., on Thursday.

#### THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 19th.

The committee met at the Missionary Home at 10 a.m.

The chairman, Dr. Gibson, read a portion of Scripture and Mr. Silsby led in prayer.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.



Mr. MacGillivray was asked to preside, while Dr. Gibson presented the report of the committee appointed at the previous session to prepare a series of resolutions as basis for discussion, and later, Mr. MacGillivray being called out, Mr. Drummond took the chair.

The committee's report was received and its recommendations taken up seriatim, amended and adopted. [See Exhibit B, entitled, Plan of Union.]

Upon motion, Dr. Gibson, Mr. MacGillivray, Mr. Price and Mr. Silsby were elected a committee to prepare the literature specified in Part 6 of the above mentioned report, and any supplementary papers that may be found necessary.

The same committee was asked to look over the Plan of Union and inform this committee as to the paragraphs from the report of 1903 which it proposed to include in the literature to be prepared and circulated.

The committee adjourned with prayer, to meet on Friday at 9 a.m.

#### FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 20th.

The committee met at 9 a.m. in the Missionary Home. Dr. Gibson read a passage of Scripture and Rev. P. F. Price led in prayer.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The Committee on Literature made a verbal report which, after consideration, was approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. [See Exhibit C.]

Upon motion it was resolved, That each mission be requested to contribute \$20 for the use of the committee, and that the secretary be authorized to collect additional contributions, if required.

*Resolved*, That a copy of the committee's report, in both Chinese and English, be sent to each Presbyterian missionary in China, that the secretary be authorized to present copies to



others who are interested, and that the reports be placed on sale at a price to be fixed by the secretary.

*Resolved*, That the secretary be instructed to send copies of the reports, both English and Chinese, to all the church courts, mission boards and committees concerned, both at home and in China, with an official letter requesting them to take such action as may be required.

Rev. J. A. Silsby offered his resignation as secretary, in view of his coming furlough. The resignation was accepted with thanks for his services, and Rev. D. MacGillivray was elected in his stead.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved, and the committee adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary.

J. C. GIBSON, *Chairman*.

J. A. SILSBY, *Secretary*.

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## EXHIBIT A.

## REPORTS FROM CHURCH COURTS AND MISSION BODIES.

UNITED FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND.

*The Manchurian Presbytery*, which includes the work of the United Free Church of Scotland and of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, has had no meeting since the date of the committee's last report, but at previous meetings all approved of the union, without discussion of details. It was intended to take up this discussion at the next meeting of Presbytery, but on account of the disorganized condition of the country no meeting has been held.

The convener of the Irish Church Mission Board has expressed for himself and the Board cordial approval of the Plan of Union.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH U. S. A. (NORTH).

"The policy of the *Presbyterian General Assembly* has been for many years steadily favorable to the formation of native Presbyterian churches on foreign fields" and of union with other Presbyterian bodies.

In 1904 the General Assembly adopted the following:—

"This Assembly heartily approves of the movement toward the union of Presbyterian bodies in China, provided only it can be consummated under conditions acceptable to our Board of Foreign Missions and to this Assembly when the time for the consummation of such union shall arrive."

The Assembly has the following section in its standing rules:—

In all regions, where through the organization of Union Presbyteries or the existence of missions without presbyterial organization, there are no presbyteries in connection with this Assembly, each mission organized as such under our Board of Foreign Missions may send to the General Assembly an ordained missionary, or ruling elder,



as a delegate; and the standing rules of the Assembly are hereby so amended that such delegate is entitled to sit as an advisory member in the Assembly and to speak, under the rules, on all questions, and that his expenses from his domicile in this country to and during the Assembly, and return, shall be met as those of commissioners, out of the funds of the Assembly. [1887, p. 247.]

*The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions* has repeatedly taken favorable action with reference to China and other mission fields.

Most of the missions of the Northern Presbyterian Church in China have taken favorable action.

The *Canton Mission* and the *Mission of Central China* have approved the committee's Plan of Union without change, and the committee's former report was also approved.

The missions of *Peking*, *East Shantung* and *West Shantung* have not reported definite action; but as the Synod of North China, composed of all the ministers of these three missions, with the Chinese ministers in addition, has taken action favoring the union, the missions of Peking and Shantung may be regarded as favorable to the Plan.

The smaller and more recently constituted missions of *Hunan* and *Hainan* have not as yet reported any action regarding the committee's Plan, but will, no doubt, enter cordially into the proposed union.

The *Synod of Central China* has approved both the former and later plan, and in accordance with that plan advised the organization of the *Synod of West Kwangtung*. The General Assembly assigned a date for the organization of the West Kwangtung Mission, consisting of the Presbyteries of Canton, Hainan and Manila, but as there was not sufficient time given to secure the attendance of representatives from Hainan and Manila the date of organization has been changed to the first Thursday in the Chinese New Year. In the event of separation from the home church the Presbytery of Manila will remain in connection with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.



The *Presbyteries of Ningpo, Shanghai and Canton* have approved the Plan of Union. Other Presbyteries have not yet been heard from, but all will doubtless fall into line.

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

Rev. D. MacGillivray reports:—The Presbytery has taken no action in reference to the last report of the Union Committee, but is in hearty sympathy with any feasible scheme of union among the Presbyterians of China. At its meeting of 20th January, 1905, it passed a resolution endorsing the resolutions of the Pei-tai-ho conference of August 24-26.

These are printed in the October *Recorder* of this year, page 597.

The subject has not yet been presented to our home courts, but their cordial approval of the All-India Presbyterian Union, in which their mission in India is now merged, sufficiently indicates how they would look upon a similar union in China.

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES (SOUTH).

The *North Kiangsu Mission* of the *Southern Presbyterian Church* asks for a change in the wording of one of the paragraphs to make it clear that the union (until the adoption of a Confession of Faith) is federal, not organic. This mission and that of Mid-China are planning at an early date to organize two Chinese Presbyteries in accordance with the Plan of Union.

The *Mid-China Mission* of the *Southern Presbyterian Church* has voted to approve the Plan of Union as it stands.

At a meeting of Chinese pastors and elders the Plan was presented and approved.

The *General Assembly* of the *Southern Presbyterian Church* has voted to approve of any basis on which its missionaries may agree.

## CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

Rev. Thos. R. Kearney reports that Mr. Deans was authorized to lay the matter before their committee, but no report on the matter has been received.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The *Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England* has cordially approved of the committee's Plan of Union.

The *Amoy Mission* has approved the action of the American Reformed Church, asking the committee to prepare a plan for federal union.

The committee's report was laid before the *Chinese Synod*, and the Synod took the following action:—

It was moved, That the time has not arrived for such action, and that consideration of the subject be meantime postponed.

It is understood that the Synod's action had reference to the immediate formation of a General Assembly, and that this action should not be considered as unfavorable to the formation of Union Synods looking toward a closer union when the time seems ripe for such a consummation.

*Swatow Mission Council*.—(The Mission Council combines Swatow, Chao-chow-foo and Sua-bue.) On the 28th of July the council took the following action:—

1. The council heartily approves proposals for a general union of the Presbyterian churches of China.

2. The council approves the proposed organization for the present of the existing Presbyterian churches under six native Synods, as set forth in the report of the Committee of Delegates which met at Shanghai in November, 1903, viz., The Synods of: 1, Manchuria; 2, North China; 3, Central China; 4, Southern Fukien; 5, East Kwangtung; 6, West Kwangtung.

3. The council considers that in these Synods and their subordinate courts the foreign missionaries should have seats and votes while still remaining subject to the discipline of their home churches as in some of the native Synods already formed.



4. The council considers that the time has not yet arrived for the foundation of a General Assembly for all China, and recommends that in the meantime these six Synods should be associated by correspondence and by the regular interchange of printed copies of records, legislation and statistics, with the occasional appointment of corresponding members when convenient.

5. The council recommends that the adjustment or redistribution of the existing Synods may, after federation takes place, be arranged by the Synods concerned, with the consent of the other federated Synods; also that by consent of the federated Synods new Synods may be afterwards associated on the same footing as the others.

Corresponding action was taken by the Synod of Chao-chow and Hwei-chow.

*Formosa.*—A Presbytery has been formed in North Formosa, but no steps have been taken towards union. For political reasons the church in Formosa will probably not join the China church.

#### REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

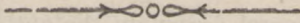
The *Amoy Mission* heartily agrees with the purpose of the committee to unite all the Presbyterian churches in the Chinese empire, but cannot approve that part of the Plan which gives the General Assembly the authority to review the action of the Synods, believing that the General Assembly, meeting at long intervals and composed of a comparatively small number from widely separated Synods, could not do this work in a satisfactory manner. The Mission therefore unites with the English Presbyterian Mission of Amoy in requesting the committee to prepare a plan of *federal union*.

#### SUMMARY.

It will be seen from the foregoing that there has been a general approval of the union of the Presbyterian churches in China, and in no case has there been any unfavorable action reported either on the part of the church courts at home, the mission boards and committees, the missions in China, or the



native church courts. In some instances the opinion has been expressed that the time for the organization of a General Assembly has not yet arrived, and the general opinion seems to favor the establishment at first of Union Synods, united in the one purpose of building up the kingdom of God in China and looking forward to a closer union when the time seems ripe for its consummation.



## EXHIBIT B.

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### PLAN OF UNION.

I. The committee have carefully considered the returns presented to us in resolutions of Chinese Church Courts, Home Church Courts, and Mission bodies in China. While some of the bodies concerned have not yet been heard from or have not yet taken definite action, we rejoice to find that there is substantial agreement in approval of the proposed union of the Presbyterian churches of China on the lines suggested by this committee in its report of 1903.

II. We find the opinion expressed in some of the returns that the time has not yet arrived for the constitution of one General Assembly for China; and this committee, while considering that such an Assembly will form the natural consummation of this scheme of union, without which its organization will be incomplete, and while adhering therefore to the outline of the constitution of such a body set forth in our report of 1903, willingly accept the view that the formation of a General Assembly is not the first step to be taken in order to carry out the Plan of Union.

III. The committee unanimously agree to prosecute the immediate organization of the proposed united church, and therefore urge upon the churches and missions concerned that attention should, at this stage, be concentrated upon the organization and union of the six proposed Synods, reserving the constitution of a General Assembly to be considered by these Synods at a later stage.

IV. We find that of the six proposed Synods three are already fully organised, are independent of the home churches, and include all the Presbyterian churches within their bounds; while in the other three this organization is still more or less incomplete.



(1). The Synod of Manchuria is fully organized, and includes the Mission Churches of the United Free Church of Scotland and of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. (At present described as a Presbytery, but proposes to subdivide into three Presbyteries and constitute itself a Synod.)

(2). The Synod of North China is not yet fully organized on the Union Plan. The existing Synod is a Court of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. (North). It includes the Presbyteries of Chi-nan, Peking and Weihsien, but does not include the churches of the Canadian Mission. This committee recommends: (a) The severance of the tie between this Synod and the home church; (b) The organisation of the churches of the Canadian Mission in one Presbytery; and (c) The union of this latter with the Presbyteries of the American Presbyterian Mission churches in one Synod.

(3). The Synod of Central China is not yet fully organized on the Union Plan. The existing Synod is a Court of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. (North), and includes the Presbyteries of Hangchow, Nanking, Ningpo and Shanghai; but it does not include the Mission churches of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (South), or those of the Church of Scotland, or the Presbyterian churches connected with the C. I. M., or those of the Cumberland Presb. Church and the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. (N.) in the province of Hunan. This committee recommends: (a) The severance of the tie between this Synod and the home church; (b) The organization of the Mission churches of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (South) and those of the Church of Scotland in Presbyteries; and (c) The union of these latter with the Presbyteries of the American Presbyterian Mission churches in one Synod. The committee hopes that the other Presbyterian churches in Central China will organize themselves in Presbyteries as may be most suitable and unite in the formation of this Synod, and agrees to communicate with them in this view.

(4). The Synod of South Fuhkien is fully organised, and includes the Mission churches of the Reformed Church in America and of the Presbyterian Church of England. It includes two Presbyteries—the Presbytery of Chang-chow and the Presbytery of Chin-chow.

(5). The Synod of East Kwangtung is fully organized, and includes the Mission churches of both the Hak-ka and the Hok-lo Missions of the Presbyterian Church of England. It includes two Presbyteries—the Presbytery of Swatow and the Presbytery of Wu-king-fu.

(6.) The Synod of West Kwangtung is not yet fully organized on the Union Plan. The organization of a Synod to include Presbyteries of Canton, Hainan and Manila, has been arranged for, and the Synod is to meet in the beginning of the year 1906. This Synod is being formed as



a Court of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. (North), and does not include the Mission of the Reformed Church in America or that of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, or of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in West Kwangtung. This committee recommends the severance of the tie between this Synod and the home church: The committee hopes that the other Presbyterian churches in West Kwangtung will unite in the formation of this Synod and agrees to communicate with them in this view.

When the steps above indicated have been taken, all the Presbyterian churches in China will be organized on a homogeneous basis and ripe for union.

V. The committee desire to emphasize the fact that the question of union is essentially one for the Chinese churches concerned and must be decided by them. This committee has, up to this point, collected information and compared the views of missionaries and your Chinese brethren so far as accessible to us, but we consider that the time has now come for laying the whole matter fully before the Chinese churches and church courts and the body of our Christian people, with a view to secure their intelligent sympathy and hearty co-operation in carrying out the proposed union.

VI. In order to set more fully before the missions and Chinese courts concerned the nature and present progress of the proposed union we agree upon the preparation and distribution of the following literature:—

(1). (a) An address to the native church courts embodying a statement as to the aims and advantages of the proposed union, emphasizing the fact that this union is a union of the native church and asking their co-operation in presenting the matter fully before their several courts.

(b) An outline of the main points of the scheme of union as presented in our report of November 11-17, 1903, and review in 1905.

(c) A request to the native pastors and leaders to present the plan to the church members at large.

(d) A Chinese version of the committee's report shall be printed, aim being to place it in the hand of every Chinese office-bearer and of all other Chinese Christians interested.

(2.) (a) An address to the several missions we represent noting the step of progress at which we have arrived, calling attention to the steps set forth above in resolution IV, as being those which are

immediately necessary to the general organization of the native church, and urging the hearty co-operation of missions and individuals in carrying them out as soon as possible.

This pamphlet shall contain the essential paragraphs in the Plan of Union as heretofore presented, and a copy of the same, together with a copy of the aforesaid pamphlet in Chinese, shall be sent to each member of the missions represented.

(b) Letters to such Presbyterian bodies as are not yet represented on this committee, inviting them to join in the proposed union.

### (3). BIBLIOGRAPHY.

Attention is called to the following literature bearing upon the doctrines of the Presbytery Church and the question of Presbytery Union:—

Westminster Confession of Faith	...	...	...	...	8 cts.
Larger Catechism	...	...	...	...	10 "
Shorter Catechism. Wen-li	...	...	...	...	6 "
Shorter Catechism. Mandarin	...	...	...	...	3 "
Presbyterian Form of Government	...	...	...	...	7 "
Presbyterian Book of Discipline	...	...	...	...	5 "
Form of Worship	...	...	...	...	2 "

*Above for sale at Presbyterian Mission Press, Shanghai.*

Books of Order of the Synod of Chang-chow and Chin-chow (漳泉長老總會條規). Rev. Geo. Wales, Amoy.

Book of Order of Synod of Chao-chow and Hwei-chow (惠潮長老總會年錄). Rev. John C. Gibson, D.D., Swatow.

Book of Order of Presbytery of Manchuria (關東長老會規條). Rev. T. C. Fulton, Clerk of Presbytery, Manchuria. 3 cents per copy.

Presbyterian Union in China (長老會歸一記). Prepared by Rev. D. MacGillivray on request of the Presbytery Committee on Union. Presbyterian Mission Press. 4 cents per copy.

*Chinese Christian Intelligencer* (通問報). Published by the Presbyterian Missions in China and edited by Rev. S. I. Woodbridge, 18 Peking Road. Subscription price, 50 cents per year; postage extra.

Report of Presbyterian Committee on Union, 1905, in English, 10 cents. Ditto in Chinese, 5 cents. Presbyterian Mission Press.

VII. We recommend that each Presbytery, with the consent of the Synod to which it belongs, appoint two delegates—one foreign missionary and one Chinese office-bearer—who shall form a standing council, acting by correspondence or by meeting, and shall be continued as a bond of union until it is found practicable to constitute the General Assembly. We



further recommend that in appointing delegates to their Federal Council the church courts concerned shall instruct them to hold a meeting at Shanghai shortly before or after the meeting of the General Conference, which is called for April, 1907, at which time it is hoped that the contemplated organization of Synods will be complete.

Meanwhile we recommend that the present committee be continued as a convenient medium of communication between the missions and the church courts concerned.



## EXHIBIT C.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

From November 6, 1903, to October 20, 1905.

*Cash Received:*

Balance on hand November 6th, 1903	...					\$ 80.67
Subscriptions	...	...	...	...	\$10.00	
					4.00	
					2.19	
						16.19
Sale of books	...	...	...	...	18.45	
Less Commission	...	...	...	...	1.84	
						16.61
						\$113.47

*Cash Expended:*

## Printing:

English Reports	...	...	...	...	\$64.36	
Chinese Book, "Presbyterian Union in China"	...	...	...	...	34.65	
Chinese Report	...	...	...	...	8.63	
Circulars	...	...	...	...	\$0.75	
					1.25	
						2.00
						\$109.64
Advertising	...	...	...	...		2.75
Stationery, etc.	...	...	...	...		1.08
						\$113.47



## EXHIBIT D.

## RESOLUTIONS OF 1903.

The following resolutions, adopted at the meeting of the committee November 11-14, 1903, are reprinted with a few slight changes where the wording required alteration for the sake of clearness.

The committee find—

1. That we and the several churches to which we belong agree in holding the Word of God as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the supreme rule of faith and life.

2. That the aforesaid churches have, as circumstances required, drawn up and adopted several subordinate standards of doctrine as Confessions of Faith, Catechisms, and other documents, to exhibit the sense in which they understand the Scriptures; and that these documents are the following:—

*Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.*—The Westminster Confession of Faith with slight revision, and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms.

*Presbyterian Church in the U. S.*—The Westminster Confession of Faith, and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms.

*Reformed Church in America.*—The Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism and the Canons of the Synod of Dordrecht.

*Presbyterian Church in Canada.*—The Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms.

*Presbyterian Church in Ireland.*—The Westminster Confession of Faith.

*Church of Scotland.*—The Westminster Confession of Faith.

*United Free Church of Scotland.*—The Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms, in the light of the Declaratory Acts.

*Presbyterian Church of England.*—The Westminster Confession of Faith and the twenty-four Articles of Faith, with Appendix.

We also find that the independent Presbyterian churches of Manchuria and of Amoy have adopted shorter creeds of their own in harmony with the foregoing standards.

3. That in view of the manifest consensus of these documents in the great fundamental matters of faith, obedience, worship and polity, we rejoice to believe that we can heartily and with great advantage unite together in seeking to advance the glory of God in the salvation of sinners and in the planting and upbuilding of His church; and we

are further confirmed in this assurance by our knowledge of the history of the churches using these symbols, of the service they have done and are doing in the various countries in which they labor and of the character and teaching of their representatives, both in their home countries and in the mission field.

Inasmuch, then, as it is found possible and desirable to unite on the ground of our ascertained harmony in faith and practice we advise the Missions and Mission Councils which we represent to make the following recommendations:—

*A.* To the Mission Boards, Committees and Supreme Courts of those Presbyterian churches which have established mission work in China, that they recognize the complete independence of the Chinese churches which have by the blessing of God been planted under their care; and that they authorize their missionaries to take all such steps as may be necessary to complete the formation and to secure the independence of the proposed united Chinese church.

*B.* To all Chinese Presbyterian churches:

1. That they take the necessary steps in their respective ecclesiastical courts to unite in one organized church, with such arrangements for government and administration under the Presbyterian order, with needful adaptations to local conditions as may best subserve the interests of the kingdom of God among the Chinese.

2. That while the documents enumerated under finding 2 are binding on the churches which have adopted them, and while they are here referred to for the purpose of showing that in all essentials there is a consensus of faith and practice among these several churches, in entering upon the proposed union the distinctive subordinate standards of any one church be not necessarily adopted by the others.

3. That while the proposed Presbyterian church of China must necessarily be autonomous, and will therefore have the prerogative of formulating its own standards, which will, we believe, in the providence of God and under the teaching of His Spirit be in essential harmony with the creeds of the parent churches, until such standards be adopted the distinctive standards of each contracting party entering the union shall be adhered to by that party.

4. That until such time as the proposed united church shall formulate its own creed, possible cases of appeal to, and deliverances by, the General Assembly in matters of doctrine shall be decided by the consensus of the various symbols of the churches entering the union; care being taken in all cases that such decision shall not do violence to the doctrinal standards held by any of the uniting churches.

5. The Westminster Shorter Catechism is commended to the consideration of the Chinese churches as being a brief digest of the leading doctrines contained in the symbols of the present churches.



The committee further unite in making the following recommendations regarding union :—

*Resolved*, That organic union be carried out in accordance with the scheme herein set forth.

1. That a General Assembly shall be constituted, to be composed of Commissioners from Presbyteries in the proportions agreed upon below.

That the General Assembly shall hold stated meetings at intervals of three, four or five years, as may be determined by the first General Assembly, after consideration in the various missions and subordinate church courts; and shall also be convened to deal with urgent matters of general concern when such meetings are called for by not less than three Synods.

That the General Assembly shall review and further the work of the church by such means as it shall see fit; and in particular shall deal with questions of doctrine and legislation affecting the whole church by considering overtures and reports sent up from Presbyteries and Synods and by sending down proposed decisions of a legislative character to Presbyteries for consideration and report; and shall finally dispose of such matters in accordance with the ascertained mind of the church.

That cases of discipline beginning in Sessions shall, on appeal, be subject to review by the Presbytery and Synod and shall terminate in the Synod without appeal to the General Assembly; and that cases beginning in Presbyteries shall, on appeal, be subject to the review of the Synod and General Assembly.

That all Presbyteries and Synods shall transmit to the General Assembly duly attested copies of their minutes; and the Assembly shall take steps to review these records and to secure that the work of the subordinate courts is duly performed and that their records are accurately kept. They shall also transmit full statistical reports, financial and personal, of the work of the church within their bounds, which the General Assembly shall collate for the information of the church.

That the General Assembly shall constitute a "bond of union, peace, correspondence and mutual confidence among all our churches."

2. That the Synods to be formed meet annually, if convenient. The following are suggested :—

(a) The Synod of Manchuria. (The present approximate number of communicant members in this Synod would be 12,000.)

(b) The Synod of North China; to comprise the churches in Chihli, Shantung and Honan. (Approximate number of communicants, 8,452.)

(c) The Synod of Central China; to comprise the churches in Kiangsu, Chêkiang, Anhui, Hupeh and Hunan. (Approximate number of communicants, 5,092.)

(d) The Synod of Southern Fukien. (Approximate number of communicants, 4,200.)

(e) The Synod of East Kwangtung. (Approximate number of communicants, 4,200.)

(f) The Synod of West Kwangtung. (Approximate number of communicants, 6,200.)

It is further recommended that the Synods be the bodies charged with the ultimate responsibility for all administrative work and the carrying out of discipline within their bounds, except in cases of discipline arising in Presbyteries, on which appeal to the General Assembly is allowed.

The Synods shall also have power to refer to the General Assembly for instruction and advice.

3. That the following plan of representation in Church Courts be adopted :—

#### I. THE SESSION.

For the present each Presbytery shall determine the composition of Sessions within its bounds.

#### II. THE PRESBYTERY.

For the present the basis of membership in each Presbytery may remain as before.

#### III. THE SYNOD.

The Synod shall consist of all Chinese ministers and all missionaries, whether ordained as teaching or as ruling elders, having a seat in a Presbytery within its bounds, together with one Chinese elder from each Session. But in the case of congregations having more than 500 members, they shall be entitled to a further representation in the ratio of one ruling elder for each additional 500 or fraction thereof.

#### IV. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

[The matter of the proper ratio of representation in the General Assembly was the occasion of long and careful consideration, owing to the varying conditions found to exist in different parts of the country.]

In view of the many difficulties brought before us, and having due regard to the representation of different portions of the field in respect of distance from the place of meeting to the ecclesiastical relation between Chinese churches and foreign missionaries to the varying sizes of congregations and stages of organization arrived at, and having considered all available statistics bearing on these questions; the plan herein presented was finally drafted.

The principle is clearly recognized that the relation of the foreign missionary to the Chinese church is in its nature temporary, and must eventually cease].

(a) The General Assembly shall be composed of representatives appointed by Presbyteries in the ratio of one Chinese minister and one Chinese ruling elder for every seven congregations organized under sessions within the bounds of the Presbytery. It shall be within the power of Presbyteries, when necessary, to appoint a foreign missionary as substitute for a Chinese commissioner.

(b) In congregations of over five hundred adult members in good standing, every such five hundred members, or fraction thereof, shall be reckoned for purposes of representation as one congregation.



(c) In addition to the above representation each Presbytery shall commission one foreign missionary for every seven or fraction of that number having a seat in Presbytery, whether ordained as teaching or ruling elders.

(d) Where there is not yet an organized Chinese Presbytery the local Presbyterian Missions, with the Chinese ministers and elders within their bounds, may act in the interim as Presbyteries in sending commissioners to the General Assembly on the above basis.

(e) At the first meeting of the General Assembly all Presbyterian ministers and elders in China producing certificates of good standing from any of the uniting presbyterial bodies may attend, and shall have advisory powers; but only authorized commissioners shall have the power of voting.

4. That the name of the proposed united church be "The Presbyterian Church of China," 中國基督聖教長老會, or 中華基督聖教長老會.

5. The following names of Chinese church courts, etc., are suggested :—

Out-station,	支會.
Organized Congregation,	堂會.
Session,	督會.
Presbytery,	長老中會.
Synod,	長老大會.
General Assembly,	長老總會.
Deacon,	執事.
Elder,	長老.
Licentiate,	准試.
Ordained Minister,	牧師.

*Note.*—While these names are recommended as the official designations of the above bodies and offices, it is recognized that various localities may use such abbreviations of these terms as may seem proper. As for example, 老會 or 中會 as a popular name for Presbytery, as may be preferred. Regarding the name for deacon, while following the current usage in Bible translation, the committee expresses its dissatisfaction with the 執事. It is desired that careful consideration be given to the finding of a better term. The use of 役 or 董 has been suggested; and other suggestions are invited. The same remark applies to the term 准試. All changes which have been made in existing terms are with a view to unifying the differences which exist in various parts of the fields.

6. Finally, that we desire to express to our brethren of all other missions and churches in China our sense of the real unity that underlies our differences and our earnest desire that all branches of the church of Christ in China may ultimately come together in loyalty to truth and devotion to our common Lord, in the manifested unity of the body of Christ on earth. Recognizing that existing differences of ecclesiastical order and government and other causes prevent for the present our expressing our unity in the vital doctrines of the Gospel in the form of a common church organization, we who are of the Presbyterian order aim in the meantime at Presbyterian union in no exclusive sense, but as the first step within our power towards drawing together

the various branches of the church. We shall continue to seek by brotherly co-operation to unite in sympathy all branches of the Christian church in China, earnestly praying that all may be so led into the unity of the Spirit that fuller union in work and organization may naturally follow.

The following further action was unanimously agreed upon:—

We find that it has been represented to us that the loss of representation in the home courts is, in the minds of some brethren, and in the view of the churches to which they belong, a difficulty in the way of the proposed union. We therefore respectfully represent to the supreme courts of the churches concerned that it will greatly facilitate the proposed plan of union, if home churches, while giving their missionaries full liberty to take their places in the courts of the Chinese Church, will also take steps to secure at the same time their representation in the courts of the churches at home. We find that this object has been secured in some cases\* by giving to Mission Councils or other such bodies on the mission field power to act as Presbyteries under the home churches, with right to send commissioners to their supreme courts and to approach these courts by way of overture, while at the same time members of such bodies are members of, or assessors in, the independent courts of the Chinese church, but subject in respect of discipline to the courts of the home church only.

We therefore respectfully submit that the adoption of this or some similar course by the supreme courts concerned, is an act well within their powers, and would be very helpful to the best interests of the church in China.

In answer to a question brought before the committee, it was *resolved*,

That the organization of Presbyteries and Synods in the independent Chinese church can in no wise affect the executive control held by the various missions over their missionaries, as, for examples in the appointment of missionaries or the opening of new mission stations.

#### REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL CURRICULUM.

The Sub-Committee on a common Theological Curriculum for students and a joint Board of Examination have collected some information as to the present practice in the colleges and training classes of the different Missions. This information is

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\*For example, in the United Free Church of Scotland.



far from complete, and your committee will welcome the communication of further information.

We have also received expressions of opinion and suggestions bearing on the subjects remitted, but are not yet in a position to present a complete report.

We find, however, that the following suggestions should guide any action to be taken in these matters:—

1. That a common scheme for a theological curriculum would be of great advantage, especially in order to raise and maintain a worthy standard of theological education, and also as tending to encourage the production of suitable text-books.

2. That the curriculum should be planned with reference to the subjects to be taught, rather than with reference to years or terms of study.

3. That the curriculum should be planned in two distinct sections: one for men who have received a somewhat complete preparatory course of elementary and advanced academical instruction in Christian schools before entering on a theological curriculum, and one for men who have become Christians in more mature years, or who for other reasons have not received such early training.

4. That a joint system of examination, with the granting of diplomas would, if practicable, greatly assist in the furtherance of the object in view; but in order to leave a certain freedom to those conducting theological training, it may be better in the meantime to confine its action to the close of the theological curriculum.

With these explanations of the views so far arrived at, we suggest that this interim report be accepted by the Union Committee and circulated along with their report on proposed Plan of Union; and that the whole subject be re-committed to the sub-committee for further consideration and report.

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GEO. DOUGLAS.

P. F. PRICE.



## ADDENDA.

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### ACTION OF THE SYNOD OF CENTRAL CHINA, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, U. S. A.

Since the meeting of the Committee on Presbyterian Union important action has been taken by the Presbytery of Ningpo, overturing the General Assembly to be set aside in order that it may unite with other Presbyterian bodies in forming a Union Synod in Central China and requesting the moderator of the Synod of Central China to call a special meeting to take similar action. A *pro re nota* meeting of Synod was accordingly held at Ningpo, December 7th, 1905, and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

WHEREAS, A Union Committee, composed of representatives from various Presbyterian Missions working in China, has prepared a Plan of Union providing for the organization of a Chinese Presbyterian Church, and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America has approved said plan (see Minutes of 1904, page 220) and the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., has also given its approval, and

WHEREAS, Union organizations have been effected in other lands and found to be o advantage to the church,

Therefore, *Resolved*, That the Synod of Central China, including the Presbyteries of Ningpo, Shanghai, Hangchow and Nanking, believing that the time is ripe for the consummation of the plan proposed, respectfully petitions the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to set aside our Synod, so that with other Presbyterian bodies we may unite in forming a Union Synod in the manner proposed by the Committee on Presbyterian Union; this action to take effect when the said Union Synod has been organized.

*Resolved*, That we correspond with other Presbyterian bodies in the provinces of Chehkiang, Kiangsu, Anhui, Hunan and Hupeh, asking them to unite with us in organizing a Union Synod for Central China at the time and place hereinafter designated.

*Resolved*, That the meeting for organization of the United Synod be called to convene in the First Presbyterian Church at Nanking on the fourth Thursday in May, 1906, at 2 p.m.

*Resolved*, That all regularly ordained Presbyterian ministers in the bounds of the proposed Synod be invited to participate in the first meeting of Synod, and that each organized session be invited to send an elder as its representative.

*Resolved*, That Rev. J. A. Silsby be appointed to act as Stated Clerk in the absence of Rev. G. F. Fitch in America, and he is hereby instructed to take such steps as may be necessary to bring these actions to the attention of all parties concerned.

### THE PRESBYTERY OF SHANTUNG

has appointed Rev. Geo. Connwell to act as its representative, and the Mission of East Shantung has voted to report to the Board of Foreign Missions that they approve the general plan recommended by the Committee on Presbyterian Union. Rev. Geo. Connwell takes the place of Rev. L. J. Davies, resigned.



## ACTION OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, U. S. A.

The question of the proposed Presbyterian Union in China, considered at the last meeting of the Board, and laid over without action, was taken up, and it was voted by the Board to approve of the movement toward an organic union of the various Presbyterian Churches in China and to authorize its missionaries, as the missionaries deem wise, to take all such steps as may be necessary to complete the formation and secure the independence of the proposed United Chinese Church. In taking this action the Board feels that it is in full accord with the will of the General Assembly repeatedly expressed. The Board understands also that the various Presbyteries will present the matter in regular form to the General Assembly for such action as may be necessary on the part of the Assembly, that they may be included in the proposed Presbyterian Church in China.—*Extract from letter of Secretary Speer.*

## SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

London, Thursday, 4th May, 1905, the Synod took the following action :—

"The Synod hears with deep interest of the auspicious gathering of the first Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of India, and gives a cordial sanction to the entrance of its missionaries into the proposed Presbyterian Church of China, whose formation may be finally resolved on during the present year."

## AMERICAN REFORMED CHURCH MISSION IN CHINA.

At the semi-annual meeting of this Mission held in November, 1904, the printed report of the Committee on Presbyterian Union was presented, and after careful consideration the following resolutions were adopted :—

*Resolved*, The Amoy Mission of the Reformed Church in America has read with great interest the report of the Second Meeting of the Committee on Presbyterian Union, and has carefully considered the plan presented as a result of that meeting. The Presbyterian Church in Southern Fukien has for many years been entirely independent of all church courts in either America or Great Britain, and therefore we have long since passed the stage of the recommendations preliminary to Union as outlined in the report. We heartily agree with the purpose of this Committee to unite all the Presbyterian Churches in the Chinese Empire, as expressed in the resolution adopted by this Mission when considering the former report. Still we cannot yet approve of that detail of the plan proposed which gives to the General Assembly the authority to review action taken by the Synods. We judge that a General Assembly meeting at long intervals, composed of a comparatively small number of representatives from widely separated Synods, is not competent to review the acts and proceedings of our Synod. The distance between the parts of this proposed Union Church are too great, and the intercommunication is too slight to make it possible for the commissioners of the General Assembly to secure such full and accurate information of the reasons underneath the acts of Synod as would qualify them to pass judgment on these. Furthermore, the delay in carrying out the decisions of the Synod, which a stay of proceedings caused by an appeal to General Assembly would necessitate, might often be so long as to completely obstruct all effective working of the Synod. In close and full view of the results of the union of the work of American and British missions, we judge that the conditions still prevailing in this Empire do not yet warrant the consummation of that wider organic union of Presbyterian Churches which we so much desire. Therefore it is further

*Resolved*, That the Mission's representative on the above-mentioned Committee be instructed to communicate with the English Presbyterian Mission in Amoy, informing them of our position in regard to this question. Further, it is

"*Resolved*, Providing the English Presbyterian Mission should take similar positions, that it is unnecessary to bring the question at this time before the Synod of the Chinese Church. Finally it is .

'*Resolved*, That through our representative, we inform the Secretary of the Joint Committee of our action, and also express a desire that the Committee be continued and instructed to prepare a plan of Federal Union in the hope that such a course will finally result in the consummation of the plan now proposed."

#### THE ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN MISSION COUNCIL, AT AMOY

passed a resolution endorsing the position of the Reformed Church in America regarding the Plan of Union, but after consulting with the Reformed Church Mission it was agreed to prepare a report to lay before the native Synod of Chang-chow and Chin-chow. The Synod's resolution is reported below :—

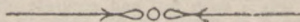
#### TRANSLATION OF RESOLUTION OF SYNOD OF CHANG-CHOW AND CHIN-CHOW, 23rd March, 1905.

Rev. Campbell Brown explained the proposals for general Presbyterian Union in China. It was moved, That the time has not arrived for such action, and that consideration of the subject be meantime postponed. The Synod resolved accordingly.

#### TRANSLATION OF RESOLUTIONS OF SYNOD OF CHAO-CHOW AND HWEI-CHOW, 4th May, 1905.

(The Synod includes both the Hok-lo churches under the care of the Mission at Swatow and the Hakka churches under the care of the Mission at Wu-king-fu.) Report of Committee appointed 5th May, 1904, to consider proposals for general Presbyterian Union, was presented by Dr. J. C. Gibson. The Synod received the Report, and resolved as follows :—

1. That the advantages of Union are very great, and the Synod approves generally of the proposed Union.
2. The Synod approves the division into six Synods, and delays adjustment of the designations of subordinate courts until the formation of a General Assembly.
3. At present it is not yet possible to form a General Assembly, and the Synod recommends in the meantime Union and intercourse by letter.
4. That the federated Synods should appoint representatives to carry out this intercourse of the churches.
5. That every year each of the federated Synods should transmit copies of its records and legislation to these representatives for collection and circulation among the Synods, with a view to the mutual adoption of what is found suitable, and that further consideration of legislation be postponed till the formation of the General Assembly.





# STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CHINA.

The following statistics are partly from data received since the meeting of the Committee on Presbyterian Union and partly from estimates based on previous reports.

	Foreign.		Chinese.		Churches.*	Communicants†
	Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.		
<i>* I. Synod of Manchuria.</i>						
Two Presbyteries ... ..	30	...	2	27	80	12,000
<i>II. Synod of North China.</i>						
Presbytery of Chinan ... ..	9	...	...	23	12	1,374
"    " Peking ... ..	10	...	2	5	2	343
"    " Shantung ... ..	6	...	4	35	21	2,629
"    " Weihsien ... ..	5	...	5	56	21	3,756
Canadian Presbyterians ... ..	11	3	...	...	...	350
Total for Synod ... ..	41	3	11	119	56	8,452
<i>III. Synod of Central China.</i>						
Presbytery of Hangchow ... ..	5	...	7	13	3	395
"    " Nanking ... ..	6	...	...	5	2	183
"    " Ningpo ... ..	6	...	11	20	10	1,218
"    " Shanghai ... ..	4	1	4	10	4	479
Presbyterian Mission in Hunan ... ..	7	...	...	2	2	200
North Kiangsu Mission ... ..	10	...	...	...	...	240
Mid-China " ... ..	14	...	1	...	9	800
Cumberland Presbyterian Mission ... ..	2	...	...	...	...	} 200
German Reformed Mission ... ..	3	...	...	...	...	
China Inland " ... ..	10	...	...	15	18	400
Church of Scotland " ... ..	2	1	...	5	14	918
Total for Synod ... ..	69	2	23	70	62	5,033
<i>IV. Synod of Fukien.</i>						
Presbytery of Changchow ... ..	} 17	...	30	125	30	4,200
"    " Chinchow ... ..						
<i>V. Synod of East Kwangtung.</i>						
Presbytery of Swatow ... ..	} 17	...	13	75	37	4,200
"    " Wu-king-fu ... ..						
<i>VI. Synod of West Kwangtung.</i>						
Presbytery of Canton ... ..	8	...	3	45	21	5,800
"    " Hainan ... ..	6	...	...	4	2	200
Presby. Church of New Zealand ... ..	2	...	...	...	...	100
Canadian Presbyterian Church ... ..	3	...	...	...	...	50
Reformed Church in America ... ..	1	...	...	...	1	50
Total for Synod ... ..	20	...	3	49	24	6,200
Total for China ... ..	194	8	82	465	289	40,085

\* Under the head of "Churches" should be included only congregations organized under sessions, but in these statistics a number of churches are included which have not yet been fully organized.

† "Communicants" are those in full membership, and entitled to partake of the communion.